

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re:  
City of Detroit, Michigan,  
Debtor.

Bankruptcy Case No. 13-53846  
Judge Thomas J. Tucker  
Chapter 9

**CITY OF DETROIT'S MOTION FOR (I) DETERMINATION THAT  
COURTNEY D. PAYTON WILLFULLY VIOLATED THIS COURT'S  
ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO ENFORCE,  
ENTERED AT DOCKET NUMBER 10743, AND  
(II) AWARDING COMPENSATORY AND PUNITIVE SANCTIONS**

The City of Detroit (“City”), by its undersigned counsel, files the *City of Detroit's Motion for (I) Determination that Courtney D. Payton Willfully Violated This Court's Order Granting Motion to Enforce, Entered at Docket Number 10743, and (II) Awarding Compensatory and Punitive Sanctions (“Motion”)*. In support of this Motion, the City respectfully states as follows:

**I. Introduction**

A little over a year ago, this Court ordered Courtney D. Payton (“Payton”) and others to dismiss state court lawsuits they had filed against the City and enjoined them from ever again filing lawsuits against the City related to those dismissed suits. Payton dismissed her lawsuit with prejudice as ordered. Payton has now filed a new state court lawsuit against the City, repeating the same allegations she made previously. When the City asked Payton’s counsel why he

thought he could file this lawsuit, he responded that, because the new lawsuit had a different case number, it was not subject to this Court's injunction.

Although this is a particularly egregious example, it is not an isolated event. The City has had to contend with numerous litigants who believe it is permissible to evade or openly defy this Court's orders. Their actions cost the City time and money. They must stop. For this reason, the City moves this Court to enter an order requiring Payton to dismiss her latest lawsuit, holding her accountable for the expense she has cost the City, and awarding the City punitive damages to deter her and others from flouting this Court's directives.

## **II. Background**

On December 16, 2015, the City filed its *Motion to Enforce Order, Pursuant to Section 105, 501, and 503 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 3003(c), Establishing Bar Dates For Filing Proof of Claim and Approving Form and Manner Notice Thereof against Bobby Watson, Godfrey Walters, Nadine Staley and Courtney D. Payton* [Doc. No. 10710] ("Motion to Enforce").

As set forth in the Motion to Enforce:

On January 23, 2015, Courtney D. Payton ("Payton") filed a complaint ("Payton Complaint") against the City of Detroit in the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, case number 15-000962. The Payton Complaint is attached as Exhibit 6B.

Payton alleges that on April 4, 2004, he was injured as a result of an automobile accident in the City, under

circumstances as to make the City responsible for all medical expenses reasonably incurred, loss of wages, attendant care and replacement services. Payton Complaint ¶ 7. Payton did not file a proof of claim in the City's bankruptcy case.

Motion to Enforce, ¶¶ 10-11.

The City sought an order requiring the dismissal with prejudice of case number 15-000962 ("2015 Lawsuit") and barring Payton from pursuing any claims arising from or related to case number 15-000962 against the City. A copy of the Payton's complaint in case number 15-000962 ("2015 Complaint") is attached as **Exhibit 6A.**

No response or objection to the Motion to Enforce was timely filed. As such, on January 27, 2016, the City filed a Certificate of No Response. [Doc. No. 10738].

On January 29, 2016, the Court entered an order granting the Motion to Enforce [Doc. No. 10743] ("Order to Enforce"). The Order to Enforce is attached as **Exhibit 6B.**

Paragraph 1(b) of the Order to Enforce provides that no later than February 3, 2016,

Courtney D. Payton must dismiss, or cause to be dismissed, the City of Detroit with prejudice from the case captioned as Courtney D. Payton, Plaintiff, v. City of Detroit, Defendant, filed in the Wayne County Circuit Court and assigned Case No. 15-000962.

Order to Enforce, ¶ 1(b).

Paragraph 3 of the Order to Enforce provides

Bobby Watson, Godfrey Walters, Nadine Staley and Courtney D. Payton are permanently barred, estopped and enjoined from asserting the claims arising from or related to their State Court Actions against the City of Detroit or property of the City of Detroit.

Order to Enforce, ¶ 3.

The Court retained jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from the interpretation or implementation of the Order to Enforce. Order to Enforce, ¶ 5.

The Order to Enforce was served on Payton's counsel via first class mail the same day it was entered. ("Service," Doc. No. 10744.)

On February 8, 2016, a stipulated order of dismissal with prejudice was entered in the 2015 Lawsuit. The stipulated order is attached as **Exhibit 6C**.

On April 18, 2017, Payton filed a complaint ("2017 Complaint") against the City in Wayne County Circuit Court, case number 17-05922 ("2017 Lawsuit"). The 2017 Complaint is attached as **Exhibit 6D**.

Both the 2015 Complaint and the 2017 Complaint are based on the same 2004 accident<sup>1</sup> and seek no-fault benefits.

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<sup>1</sup> The 2017 Complaint and 2015 Complaint allege different dates for the accident. As shown in the 2017 Complaint and the case evaluation summary related to the 2015 Complaint, the accident occurred June 8, 2004. *See Exhibit 6E; see also Exhibit 6F* (City of Detroit Department of Transportation report). Plaintiff's *Continued on next page*.

The City's counsel provided Payton's counsel with a copy of the Order to Enforce and requested that Payton's counsel dismiss the 2017 Complaint. **Exhibit 6G.** Payton's counsel refused to dismiss the 2017 complaint because "The case listed in that order is a different case number than our case." *Id.* Thus, the City was unable to obtain concurrence for the relief requested in this Motion.

### **III. Argument**

#### **A. Peyton's argument, that she may file the 2017 Complaint because it has a different case number, is simply outrageous.**

The Court should require the dismissal with prejudice of the 2017 Complaint for three reasons.

First, Payton's filing of the 2017 Complaint violates the Order to Enforce. The Order to Enforce states that the 2015 Complaint was to be dismissed with prejudice. Filing a new complaint with the same allegations treats that portion of the Order to Enforce as a legal nullity. Further, it expressly enjoined Payton from "asserting the claims arising from or related to" the 2015 Complaint in another action, which is precisely what the 2017 Complaint does.

Second, filing the 2017 Complaint violates the injunction in the City's confirmed plan of adjustment, upon which the Order to Enforce was based.

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counsel has not claimed that the complaints are based on two different accidents. Even if they were, the 2017 Complaint must still be dismissed with prejudice for the reasons identified in the Motion to Enforce.

Third, filing the 2017 Complaint violates state law. *E.g., Limbach v. Oakland Cnty. Bd. of Cnty. Rd. Comm'rs*, 226 Mich. App. 389, 395 (1997) (“This Court has held that a voluntary dismissal with prejudice acts as an adjudication on the merits for res judicata purposes.”).

Payton’s response that the 2017 Complaint has been assigned a new case number addresses none of these issues.

**B. Peyton’s actions warrant compensatory and punitive sanctions, both of which are within this Court’s power to award.**

The City has had to file a large number of “motions to enforce” in its case.<sup>2</sup>

Even motions granted without objection or by stipulation reflect significant costs,

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<sup>2</sup> See Motion to enforce against Helaina Perry and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 9954, 10032); motion to enforce against the Goodman Acker and Haas & Goldstein Law Firms and order granting in part (Doc. No. 9893, 11091); motion to enforce against Tanya Hughes and order granting in part (Doc. No. 9970, 11090); motion to enforce against B&C Land Development Corporation and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 10087, 10119); motion to enforce against Antoinette Cunningham and Willie Mae Hall and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 10177, 10196); motion to enforce against Jerome Collins and order granting motion in part (Doc. Nos. 10182, 11597); motion to enforce against Bobby Watson, Godfrey Walters, Nadine Staley and Courtney D. Payton and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 10710, 10743); motion to enforce against Doretha Mason, Northland Radiology, Inc. and American Anesthesia Associates, LLC and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 10737, 10768); motion to enforce against Abdul Al-Atabi, Qatar Al-Hachami and Kariem Ford and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 10775, 10828); motion to enforce against Horizon Imaging, LLC and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 10846, 11053); motion to enforce against Rodrick Siner and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 11159, 11296); motion to enforce against Betty Leticia Hamblin and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 11356, 11416); motion to enforce against Danny Crowell, Leota Murphy, and Jasmine Crowell and order

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as most are filed in response to one or more parties taking legal action against the City in another forum. The fact that most of the City's motions are granted shows that the vast majority of these legal actions should never have been taken.

**1. Sixth Circuit law allows for the award of both compensatory and punitive damages when a creditor willfully violates a bankruptcy court order.**

The Court may award compensatory damages, including attorneys' fees and costs, when a creditor violates a court order or discharge injunction despite having knowledge of it. *Holley v. Oliver, PLLC*, 473 B.R. 212, 215-16 (Bankr. E.D. Mich. 2012). Compensatory sanctions "may be imposed in an ordinary civil proceeding upon notice and an opportunity to be heard. Neither a jury trial nor proof beyond a reasonable doubt is required." *In re Moohaven Dairy LLC*, 461 B.R. 22, 27 (Bankr. E.D. Mich. 2011) (quoting *Int'l Union, United Mine Workers of Am. v. Bagwell*, 512 U.S. 821, 827 (1994) (internal quotation marks omitted)). All that is necessary to satisfy Due Process is that the party facing sanctions be given advance notice of the purpose of the hearing so that it has a full and fair

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granting motion (Doc. Nos. 11357, 11819); motion to enforce against A.B.E. Associates, Inc. and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 11439, 11534); motion to enforce against Najib Hodge and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 11583, 11818); motion to enforce against Unica Insurance Incorporated f/k/a York Fire and Casualty Insurance Company and order granting motion (Doc. Nos. 11792, 11824). This list focuses only on motions to enforce the bar date or plan terms that were granted completely or in large part; it does not include motions settled by stipulation or motions to enforce settlement agreements or other court orders.

opportunity to defend itself. *Edmondson v. Gordon (In re Gordon)*, No. 16-8014 at p. 9 (B.A.P. 6th Cir. May 18, 2017).

For a court to impose compensatory sanctions, it must be shown by clear and convincing evidence that the creditor had knowledge of a definite and specific order yet still violated it. *Holley*, 473 B.R. at 215; *Gordon*, No. 16-8014 at p. 8. An intention to disobey the order is not required. *Gordon*, No. 16-8014 at p. 8. Once a knowing violation of an order by a creditor has been shown, to avoid the imposition of sanctions, the creditor must show that it “took all reasonable steps within [its] power to comply with the court's order.” *Holley*, 473 B.R. at 215 (quoting *Glover*, 138 F.3d at 244 (internal quotation marks omitted)).

After *Holley* was decided, the Sixth Circuit confirmed that bankruptcy courts also have the power to order “mild” noncompensatory punitive damages where necessary. *Adell v. John Richards Homes Bldg. Co., L.L.C. (In re Adell v. John Richards Homes Bldg. Co., L.L.C.)*, 552 Fed. Appx. 401, 415 (6th Cir. 2013).<sup>3</sup> The power to impose noncompensatory sanctions arises both from section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and from the court’s inherent power to prevent abuse of process. *Id.* at 413-14. Because section 105(a) is “prospective rather retrospective,” noncompensatory sanctions are best used to deter improper behavior in the future.

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<sup>3</sup> *Holley*, which held that bankruptcy courts lacked this power, was decided before the *John Richards Homes Building* opinion was issued. Thus, the *Holley* court did not have the benefit of the Sixth Circuit’s view when deciding its case.

*See id.* at 415. That said, the Sixth Circuit, along with the Fifth, Eighth, and Ninth,<sup>4</sup> allows its bankruptcy courts to “award relatively minor noncompensatory fines” on a punitive basis when justice so requires. *Id.*

The procedure to award noncompensatory sanctions is the same as that for an award of compensatory sanctions but for two differences. First, the court must apply the “beyond a reasonable doubt” standard. *Id.* at 416. Second, noncompensatory sanctions are limited in amount. The Sixth Circuit has not stated exactly what the limit is, though it did clarify that “A \$5,000 sanction is not considered a serious punitive sanction.” *Id.* at 415.

At least one court in this Circuit applied *John Richards Homes Building* to award noncompensatory sanctions when appropriate. The *Biery* court recently examined the state of the law and concluded that punitive damages, in the form of a continuing award of attorneys’ fees against a contemnor, was clearly within the court’s power. *In re Biery*, 543 B.R. 267, 298-300 (Bankr. E.D. Ky. 2015).

## **2. Payton’s willful violation of the Order to Enforce merits sanctions.**

Here, Payton knew about the Order to Enforce, having been served with it. *See Service.* The City recently reminded her of the Order to Enforce. *See Exhibit 6G.* Undeterred, Payton continues with her 2017 Complaint.

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<sup>4</sup> The Third Circuit does also. *Lansaw v. Zokaites (In re Lansaw)*, 853 F.3d 657 (3d Cir. 2017) (upholding punitive damages for willful stay violations).

Payton simply has no excuse for violating the Order to Enforce. Like others before her, she chooses to disregard this Court's orders. This must stop. The City hopes that the Court's granting of this Motion will help creditors understand that there are consequences for blithely disobeying a court order. This, in turn, should reduce the City's need to ask the Court to enforce its orders, saving the City money and the Court time.

The City requests that it recover its costs in having to participate in the state court litigation and to file this Motion. Additionally, the City believes that noncompensatory sanctions, in an amount of two or three times the City's costs, will serve as a deterrent to others.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

Since the Effective Date, the City has been forced to file over a dozen motions to enforce, diverting resources from the City's revitalization to instead fight off creditors who, despite awareness of the City's discharge, refuse to accept that the City's Plan is as binding on them as it is on all the others who play by the rules. It is time to end these abuses. The City respectfully requests that this Court enter an order in substantially the form as the one attached as Exhibit 1, (a) granting the Motion; (b) requiring the Plaintiff to dismiss, or cause to be dismissed, with prejudice the State Court Lawsuit; (c) permanently barring, estopping, and enjoining the Plaintiff from asserting any claims described in the

State Court Lawsuit against the City or property of the City; and (d) awarding compensatory and deterrent sanctions against Plaintiff.

Dated: June 1, 2017

By: /s/ Marc N. Swanson

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## **SUMMARY OF ATTACHMENTS**

The following documents are attached to this Motion, labeled in accordance with Local Rule 9014-1(b).

Exhibit 1 Proposed Form of Order

Exhibit 2 Notice and Opportunity to be Heard

Exhibit 3 None [Brief Not Required]

Exhibit 4 Certificate of Service

Exhibit 5 None [No Affidavits Filed Specific to This Motion]

Exhibit 6A 2015 Complaint

Exhibit 6B Order to Enforce

Exhibit 6C Stipulated Dismissal with Prejudice in State Court Action

Exhibit 6D 2017 Complaint

Exhibit 6E Case Evaluation Summary

Exhibit 6F Department of Transportation Report

Exhibit 6G Email to Payton

**EXHIBIT 1 – PROPOSED ORDER**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re:  
City of Detroit, Michigan,  
Debtor.

Bankruptcy Case No. 13-53846  
Judge Thomas J. Tucker  
Chapter 9

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING CITY OF DETROIT'S  
MOTION FOR (I) DETERMINATION THAT COURTNEY D. PAYTON  
WILLFULLY VIOLATED THIS COURT'S ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
TO ENFORCE, ENTERED AT DOCKET NUMBER 10743, AND  
(II) AWARDING COMPENSATORY AND PUNITIVE SANCTIONS**

This matter, having come before the court on the *City of Detroit's Motion for (I) Determination that Courtney D. Payton Willfully Violated This Court's Order Granting Motion to Enforce, Entered at Docket Number 10743, and (II) Awarding Compensatory and Punitive Sanctions ("Motion")*, upon proper notice and a hearing, the Court being fully advised in the premises, and there being good cause to grant the relief requested,

**THE COURT FINDS THAT**, beyond a reasonable doubt, Courtney D. Payton has violated this Court's *Order Granting City of Detroit's Motion to Enforce Order, Pursuant to Sections 105, 501, and 503 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 3003(C), Establishing Bar Dates for Filing Proofs of Claim and Approving Form and Manner of Notice Thereof Against Bobby*

*Watson, Godfrey Walters, Nadine Staley and Courtney D. Payton*, filed at Docket Number 10743 and served upon her as shown at Docket Number 10744

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Motion is granted.
2. Within five days of the entry of this Order, Courtney D. Payton will dismiss, or cause to be dismissed, with prejudice the City of Detroit from Case No. 17-05922 filed in the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, Michigan (“State Court Lawsuit”).
3. Courtney D. Payton is permanently barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting any claims described in the State Court Lawsuit against the City of Detroit or property of the City of Detroit, in the State Court Lawsuit or in any other action or proceeding.
4. The City is directed to file a statement of all costs it has incurred in all aspects of defending against the State Court Lawsuit, including but not limited to (a) attorneys’ fees billed to the City for defense of the State Court Lawsuit and in preparing and filing the City’s Motion and (b) costs incurred by City due to the necessity of devoting the time of City-employed attorneys to these matters (“Bill of Costs”).

**5.** Courtney D. Payton, the Mike Morse Law Firm, and Donald J. Cummings will be held jointly and severally liable to the City for compensatory damages in the amount stated in the Bill of Costs.

**6.** In addition to the amount stated in the previous paragraph, Courtney D. Payton, the Mike Morse Law Firm, and Donald J. Cummings will be held jointly and severally liable to the City for noncompensatory damages in an amount that equals twice the amount stated in the Bill of Costs.

**7.** If the State Court Lawsuit is not timely dismissed as provided in this Order, the City may apply to this Court for additional sanctions.

**8.** The Court retains jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Order.

**EXHIBIT 2 – NOTICE**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re:  City of Detroit, Michigan,  Debtor.	Bankruptcy Case No. 13-53846  Judge Thomas J. Tucker  Chapter 9
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO CITY OF DETROIT'S  
MOTION FOR (I) DETERMINATION THAT COURTNEY D. PAYTON  
WILLFULLY VIOLATED THIS COURT'S ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
TO ENFORCE, ENTERED AT DOCKET NUMBER 10743, AND  
(II) AWARDING COMPENSATORY AND PUNITIVE SANCTIONS**

The City has filed its *City of Detroit's Motion for (I) Determination that Courtney D. Payton Willfully Violated This Court's Order Granting Motion to Enforce, Entered at Docket Number 10743, and (II) Awarding Compensatory and Punitive Sanctions* (the “Motion”). **Your rights may be affected.** You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney. If you do not want the Court to enter an Order granting the Motion, **by June 15, 2017, or such other date as the Court may set**, you or your attorney must:

1. File with the court a written response or an answer explaining your position at:<sup>1</sup>

United States Bankruptcy Court  
211 W. Fort St., Suite 1900  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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<sup>1</sup> Response or answer must comply with F. R. Civ. P. 8(b), (c) and (e).

If you mail your response to the court for filing, you must mail it early enough so that the court will **receive** it on or before the date stated above. You must also mail a copy to:

Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC  
Attn: Marc N. Swanson  
150 West Jefferson, Suite 2500  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

2. If a response or answer is timely filed and served, the clerk will schedule a hearing on the motion and you will be served with a notice of the date, time, and location of that hearing.

**If you or your attorney do not take these steps, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought in the motion or objection and may enter an order granting that relief.**

MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C.

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Dated: June 1, 2017

**EXHIBIT 3 – NONE**

**EXHIBIT 4 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re:  City of Detroit, Michigan,  Debtor.	Bankruptcy Case No. 13-53846  Judge Thomas J. Tucker  Chapter 9
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on June 1, 2017, he served the *City of Detroit's Motion for (I) Determination that Courtney D. Payton Willfully Violated This Court's Order Granting Motion to Enforce, Entered at Docket Number 10743, and (II) Awarding Compensatory and Punitive Sanctions* upon the individual listed below via first class mail and email.

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**EXHIBIT 5 – NONE**

**Exhibit 6A – 2015 Complaint**

STATE OF MICHIGAN THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WAYNE COUNTY	SUMMONS AND RETURN OF SERVICE	CASE NO. 15-000962-NF
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2 Woodward Ave., Detroit MI 48226

Court Telephone No. 313-224-4679

THIS CASE IS ASSIGNED TO JUDGE Annette J. Berry Bar Number: 42275

Plaintiff  PAYTON, COURTNEY D.	v  Defendant  CITY OF DETROIT
Plaintiff's Attorney  Ernest F. Friedman, P-26642 24567 Northwestern Hwy Fl 5 Southfield, MI 48075-2421	Defendant's Attorney  <i>Not Seal</i> DECEIVED FEB 03 2015

CASE FILING FEE	JURY FEE	FEB 03 2015
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ISSUED	THIS SUMMONS EXPIRES	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
1/23/2015	4/24/2015	File & Serve Tyler

\*This summons is invalid unless served on or before its expiration date.

CATHY M. GARRETT - WAYNE COUNTY CLERK

**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT:** In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.
  2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside this state).
  3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
- There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the complaint.
- A civil action between these parties or other parties arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the complaint has been previously filed in \_\_\_\_\_ Court.
- There is no other pending or resolved action within the jurisdiction of the family division of circuit court involving the family or family members of the parties.
- An action within the jurisdiction of the family division of circuit court involving the family or family members of the parties has been previously filed in \_\_\_\_\_ Court.

The docket number and assigned judge of the civil/domestic relations action are:

Docket No.	Judge	Bar No.
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The action  remains  is no longer pending.



I declare that the complaint information above and attached is true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

January 23, 2015

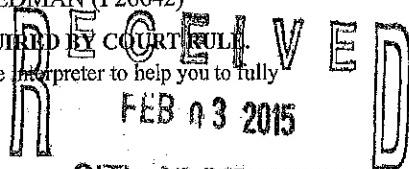
/s/ERNEST F. FRIEDMAN

Date

Signature of attorney/plaintiff ERNEST F. FRIEDMAN (P26642)

**COMPLAINT IS STATED ON ATTACHED PAGES. EXHIBITS ARE ATTACHED IF REQUIRED BY COURT RULE.**

If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you to fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.



## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

COURTNEY D. PAYTON,

Case No. 15-

-NF

Hon.

Plaintiff,

vs.

CITY OF DETROIT,

15-000962-NF

Defendant.

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WAYNE COUNTY CLERK

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CATHY M. GARRETT

There is no other civil action between these parties arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in this Complaint pending in this Court, nor has any such action been previously filed and dismissed or transferred after having been assigned to a judge.

**PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES Plaintiff COURTNEY D. PAYTON, by and through her attorney, Ernest F. Friedman, and complaining against Defendant, states as follows:

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. That Plaintiff is a resident of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.
2. That Defendant is a municipal corporation licensed to do business in the State of Michigan and has offices handling claims in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

3. That the amount in controversy exceeds Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), and that jurisdiction and venue are otherwise proper in this matter.

**COUNT I - COMPLAINT FOR PIP BENEFITS**

4. That, on the date of accident herein, Plaintiff did not have auto insurance, nor did she reside with any relative who had auto insurance; the priority rules dictate that Defendant is responsible for coverage.

5. That included in the No-Fault Act is the right to recover from Defendant and to obtain reimbursement for all medical expenses incurred, loss of wages, attendant care and replacement services as a result of any automobile accident resulting in injuries to the insured, as prescribed by the terms of the insurance policy.

6. That the No-Fault Act provides that, if Plaintiff submits reasonable proofs of losses, the Defendant will pay the Plaintiff for medical expenses, loss of wages, attendant care or replacement services under the appropriate personal injury protection benefits and that person would be paid promptly (within 30 days after giving notice and proof) and would not have to retain an attorney to obtain those benefits due and owing by Defendant.

7. That, on April 4, 2004, Plaintiff was injured as a result of an automobile accident in the City of Detroit, Michigan, under circumstances as to make Defendant responsible for all medical expenses reasonably incurred, loss of wages, attendant care and replacement services as aforementioned.

8. That Defendant has refused and neglected to make proper payment in accordance with Public Act 294 of Michigan No-Fault Legislation.

9. That Defendant owes to Plaintiff all medical bills reasonably incurred as well as loss of wages, attendant care and replacement services, but that the Defendant has wrongfully refused and neglected to pay the same.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff COURTNEY D. PAYTON prays for a judgment in an amount to fairly and adequately compensate the Plaintiff for the amounts due and owing under the insurance policy with Defendant, CITY OF DETROIT, plus actual attorney fees and interest at one percent (1%) per month as provided by Public Act 294, Michigan No Fault Legislation, and Court costs and award damages in the sum greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

**COUNT II - BREACH OF CONTRACT**

10. Plaintiff herein repeats and re-alleges each and every paragraph contained in Paragraphs 1 through 9 of this Complaint as if set forth fully herein.

11. That, pursuant to the policy of insurance, there existed uninsured motorist coverage.

12. The individual involved in the accident with Plaintiff was uninsured as set forth within the policy terms.

13. Demand has been made for payment under the terms of policy and Defendant has not made payment as required.

14. That Defendant is in breach of the contract.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for a judgment in an amount to fairly and adequately compensate the Plaintiff for the amounts due and owing under the insurance policy with Defendant CITY OF DETROIT, plus actual attorney fees and interest at one percent (1%) per month as provided by Public Act 294, Michigan No Fault Legislation, and Court costs and award damages in the sum greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

COUNT III - DECLARATORY ACTION

14. Plaintiff herein repeats and re-alleges each and every paragraph contained in Paragraphs 1 through 13 of this Complaint as if set forth fully herein.

15. That Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court issue a Declaratory Judgment, ordering Defendant to pay uninsured motorist benefits.

16. That Plaintiff further requests that this Honorable Court issue a Declaratory Judgment ordering Defendant to Arbitrate Plaintiff's uninsured motorist claim.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for a judgment in an amount to fairly and adequately compensate the Plaintiff for the amounts due and owing under the insurance policy with Defendant, CITY OF DETROIT , plus actual attorney fees and interest at one percent (1%) per month as provided by Public Act 294, Michigan No-Fault Legislation, and Court costs and COURTNEY D. PAYTON, prays that this Honorable Court issue a Declaratory Judgment, ordering Defendant, CITY OF DETROIT, to pay uninsured motorist benefits and ordering Defendant to Arbitrate Plaintiff's uninsured motorist claim.

Respectfully submitted,

LAW OFFICE OF ERNEST FRIEDMAN

BY: /s/ERNEST F. FRIEDMAN  
ERNEST F. FRIEDMAN (P26642)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
24567 Northwestern Highway #500  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 350-9440 ~ (248) 469-4365 (FAX)

DATED: January 23, 2015

**Exhibit 6B – Order to Enforce**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re:  City of Detroit, Michigan,  Debtor.	Bankruptcy Case No. 13-53846  Judge Thomas J. Tucker  Chapter 9
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**ORDER GRANTING CITY OF DETROIT'S MOTION TO ENFORCE ORDER,  
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 105, 501, AND 503 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND  
BANKRUPTCY RULES 2002 AND 3003(c), ESTABLISHING BAR DATES FOR FILING  
PROOFS OF CLAIM AND APPROVING FORM AND MANNER OF NOTICE  
THEREOF AGAINST BOBBY WATSON, GODFREY WALTERS, NADINE STALEY  
AND COURTNEY D. PAYTON**

This case is before the Court on the Motion to Enforce Order, Pursuant to Sections 105, 501, and 503 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 3003(c), Establishing Bar Dates for Filing of Proofs of Claim and Approving Form and Manner of Notice Thereof against Bobby Watson, Godfrey Walters, Nadine Staley and Courtney D. Payton (Docket # 10710, the “Motion”)<sup>1</sup>, upon proper notice, and no timely response having been filed to the Motion, and there being good cause to enter this Order,

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion is granted.
2. No later than February 3, 2016:
  - (a) Nadine Staley must dismiss, or cause to be dismissed, the City of Detroit with prejudice from the case captioned as *Nadine Staley, Plaintiff, v. City of Detroit, Defendant*, filed in the Wayne County Circuit Court and assigned Case No. 15-013025.
  - (b) Courtney D. Payton must dismiss, or cause to be dismissed, the City of Detroit with prejudice from the case captioned as *Courtney D. Payton, Plaintiff, v. City of Detroit, Defendant*, filed in the Wayne County Circuit Court and assigned Case No. 15-000962.

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

- (c) Godfrey Walters must dismiss, or cause to be dismissed, the City of Detroit with prejudice from the case captioned as *Godfrey Walters, Plaintiff, vs. John Doe Driver, and City of Detroit, Defendants*, filed in the Wayne County Circuit Court and assigned Case No. 15-013571.
- (d) Bobby Watson must dismiss, or cause to be dismissed, the City of Detroit with prejudice from the case captioned as *Bobby Watson, Plaintiff, vs. City of Detroit, and John Doe*, filed in Wayne County Circuit Court and assigned Case No. 15-009009.

3. Bobby Watson, Godfrey Walters, Nadine Staley and Courtney D. Payton are permanently barred, estopped and enjoined from asserting the claims arising from or related to their State Court Actions against the City of Detroit or property of the City of Detroit.

4. Bobby Watson, Godfrey Walters, Nadine Staley and Courtney D. Payton are prohibited from sharing in any distribution in this bankruptcy case.

5. The Court will retain jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Order.

6. The City must immediately serve a copy of this Order upon Bobby Watson, Godfrey Walters, Nadine Staley and Courtney D. Payton, and then file proof of such service.

**Signed on January 29, 2016**

/s/ Thomas J. Tucker  
**Thomas J. Tucker**  
**United States Bankruptcy Judge**

**Exhibit 6C – Stipulated Dismissal with Prejudice in State Court Action**

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

COURTNEY D. PAYTON,  
Plaintiff,

-vs-

CITY OF DETROIT,  
Defendant.

Case No. 15-000962-NF  
HON. ANNETTE J. BERRY

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ERNEST F. FRIEDMAN (P26642)  
LAW OFFICE OF ERNEST FRIEDMAN  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
24567 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 500  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 350-9440

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GRANT J. HA, P53403  
CITY OF DETROIT LAW DEPARTMENT  
Attorney for Defendant City of Detroit  
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 500  
Detroit, MI 48226  
(313)237-5039

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/s/ Cheryl Bascomb

**STIPULATED ORDER OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE**

At a session of said Court, held in the City County  
Building, City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State  
of Michigan on: 2/8/2016.

PRESENT: Annette J. Berry  
HON. ANNETTE J. BERRY  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Upon the reading of this above Stipulated Order of Dismissal with Prejudice, and the court being  
fully advised in the premises;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the above-entitled cause be dismissed with prejudice.

This order resolves the last pending claim and closes the case.

/s/ Annette J. Berry

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HON. ANNETTE J. BERRY  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

The parties hereby agree as to form and substance.

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/s/*Ernest F. Friedman*  
ERNEST F. FRIEDMAN (P26642)  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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/s/*Grant Ha*  
GRANT HA (P53403)  
Attorney for Defendant

**Exhibit 6D – 2017 Complaint**

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
WAYNE COUNTY

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

CASE NO.  
17-005922-NF  
Hon. Annette J. Berry

2 Woodward Ave., Detroit MI 48226

Court Telephone No. 313-224-4679

Plaintiff

Payton, Courtney

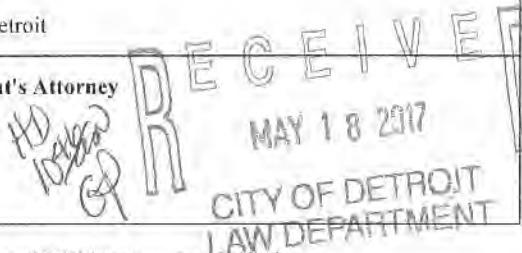
Plaintiff's Attorney

Donald John Cummings, P-70969  
24901 Northwestern Hwy Ste 700  
Southfield, MI 48075-2210

Defendant

v  
City of Detroit

Defendant's Attorney



**SUMMONS NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT:** In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.
2. **YOU HAVE 21 DAYS** after receiving this summons to **file a written answer with the court** and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside this state). (MCR 2.111[C])
3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Issued 4/18/2017	This summons expires 7/18/2017	Court clerk File & Serve Tyler
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\*This summons is invalid unless served on or before its expiration date. This document must be sealed by the seal of the court.

**COMPLAINT Instruction:** The following is information that is required to be in the caption of every complaint and is to be completed by the plaintiff. Actual allegations and the claim for relief must be stated on additional complaint pages and attached to this form.

This is a business case in which all or part of the action includes a business or commercial dispute under MCL 600.8035.

**Family Division Cases**

- There is no other pending or resolved action within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving the family or family members of the parties.
- An action within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving the family or family members of the parties has been previously filed in \_\_\_\_\_ Court.

The action  remains  is no longer pending. The docket number and the judge assigned to the action are:

Docket no.	Judge	Bar no.
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**General Civil Cases**

There is no other pending or resolved civil action arise out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the complaint.

An civil action between these parties or other parties arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the complaint has been previously filed in \_\_\_\_\_ Court.

The action  remains  is no longer pending. The docket number and the judge assigned to the action are:

Docket no.	Judge	Bar no.
15-000962-NF	Annette J. Berry	42275

**VENUE**

Plaintiff(s) residence (include city, township, or village)  
**Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan**

Defendant(s) residence (include city, township, or village)  
**Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan**

Place where action arose or business conducted  
**State of Michigan**

5/2/17

Signature of attorney/plaintiff

If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.



## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

COURTNEY PAYTON,

Case No: 17

NF

Plaintiff,

Hon.

v.

CITY OF DETROIT,

Defendant.

17-005922-NF

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**Marc J. Mendelson P-52798****Donald J. Cummings P-70969**

MIKE MORSE LAW FIRM

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(248) 350-9050

[don@855mikewins.com;](mailto:don@855mikewins.com;)[jtremblay@855mikewins.com](mailto:jtremblay@855mikewins.com)

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CATHY M. GARRETT

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**COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND**

A civil action between these parties or other parties arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the Complaint was previously filed in the Wayne County Circuit Court, where it was given docket number 15-000962-NF, and was assigned to Hon. Annette J. Berry P-42275. This action is no longer pending.

/s/ Donald J. Cummings

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Marc J. Mendelson P-52798

Donald J. Cummings P-70969

NOW COMES Plaintiff, Courtney Payton, by and through his attorneys, Mike Morse Law Firm, and for his complaint against the above named Defendant, City of Detroit, states the following:

### **COMMON ALLEGATIONS**

1. Plaintiff, Courtney Payton, is a resident of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.
2. Defendant, City of Detroit, is a self-insured municipal corporation, organized and existing in accordance with Michigan law, with its principal place of business in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan.
3. The amount in controversy is in excess of \$25,000.00 and is otherwise in the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court.

### **COUNT I** **CLAIM FOR FIRST PARTY BENEFITS AS TO DEFENDANT,** **CITY OF DETROIT**

4. That Plaintiff hereby adopts and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 3 of this Complaint as if more specifically set forth herein word for word and paragraph by paragraph.
5. Prior to and including June 8, 2004, Defendant, City of Detroit, issued a policy of no-fault insurance, which policy continued in effect during all times relevant and pertinent to the issues for this Court. Claim Number CDMI-002A63 was assigned by Defendant and Plaintiff is entitled to benefits under this policy.
6. On June 8, 2004, Plaintiff was involved in a motor vehicle collision which took place in the State of Michigan. The collision caused him accidental bodily injuries within the meaning of Defendant's policy and the statutory provision of MCL 500.3105.
7. As a result of the collision, Plaintiff has incurred:
  - a. Reasonable and necessary expenses for care, recovery, or rehabilitation,

pursuant to MCL 500.3107(1)(a);

- b. Reasonable and necessary replacement services pursuant to MCL 500.3107(1)(c); and
- c. Other personal protection benefits in accordance with the applicable no-fault provisions.

8. Reasonable proof for full payment of all personal protection insurance benefits has been or will be supplied, but Defendant has refused to pay or is expected to refuse to pay in the future.

9. Defendant has unreasonably refused to pay or has unreasonably delayed making proper payments to Plaintiff contrary to MCL 500.3142 and .3148 and continues to do so.

10. Defendant has wrongfully withheld payment of allowable expenses forcing Plaintiff to incur other expenses connected with the subject matter of this action, all of which expenses have been needlessly placed upon Plaintiff by the wrongful actions of Defendant. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to obtain from Defendant interest, costs and a reasonable attorney fee pursuant to the provisions of the no-fault statute.

11. That in the event it should be determined that Plaintiff was suffering from any pre-existing conditions on the day and date of the incidents set forth in this Complaint, then, and in such event, it is averred that the aforementioned accident exacerbated, precipitated and aggravated any such pre-existing conditions, and Defendant is responsible for all no-fault benefits arising there from.

12. Defendant has had sufficient information to pay all claims, and did not do so within the statutory 30 day time period, set forth under the Michigan No-Fault Act. Therefore, Plaintiff is entitled to attorney fees, costs and interest due to this breach. Plaintiff only seeks no-fault benefits that are past due and presently owed, and this Complaint does not seek future no-fault benefits.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Courtney Payton, seeks judgment against Defendant, City of Detroit, in an amount in excess of \$25,000.00 that is fair, just and reasonable, and which sums include all past-due and presently-owed No-Fault benefits together with interest, costs and no-fault attorney fees. This Complaint does not seek future no-fault benefits past the date that this lawsuit resolves by settlement or trial.

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff, Courtney Payton, by and through his attorneys, Mike Morse Law Firm, hereby respectfully demands a trial by jury on all issues in this cause of action.

Respectfully submitted,

MIKE MORSE LAW FIRM  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

/s/ *Donald J. Cummings*

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Marc J. Mendelson P-52798  
Donald J. Cummings P-70969  
24901 Northwestern Highway, Suite 700  
Southfield, Michigan 48075  
(248) 350-9050

Dated: April 18, 2017

**Exhibit 6E – Case Evaluation Summary**

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE  
COURTNEY D. PAYTON,

Case No. 15-000962-NF  
Hon. Annette J. Berry

Plaintiff,

vs.

CITY OF DETROIT,

Defendant.

**PROOF OF SERVICE**  
The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing instrument  
was served upon all parties hereto, through the respective attorney(s)  
business address(es) as disclosed by the pleadings of record herein, on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2016, via:

U.S. Mail       Hand Delivery  
 Facsimile       Overnight Mail

Email  
 Odyssey E-File  
 E-Service

Robert R. Letz Jr.  
Signature

ERNEST F. FRIEDMAN (P26642)  
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24567 Northwestern Highway #500  
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(248) 350-9440 ~ (248) 469-4365 (tel/fax)

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Attorney for Defendant  
Two Woodward Avenue #500  
Detroit, MI 48226  
(313) 237-5039 ~ (313) 224-5505 (tel/fax)

**PLAINTIFF'S CASE EVALUATION SUMMARY**

*Date/Time of Hearing: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.*

I.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

This is a first party cause of action against Defendant City of Detroit for an accident on a city bus on June 8, 2004 when Mr. Payton was a backseat passenger and the city bus driver was speeding on Woodward Avenue in the City of Detroit trying to beat a red light. As the light changed red, the driver slammed on his brakes veering to the right and crashing into a parked car parked on the side of the road which was then thrown onto the sidewalk from the impact of the speeding bus.

**Exhibit 6F – Department of Transportation Report**



CITY OF DETROIT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS DIVISION

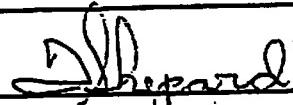


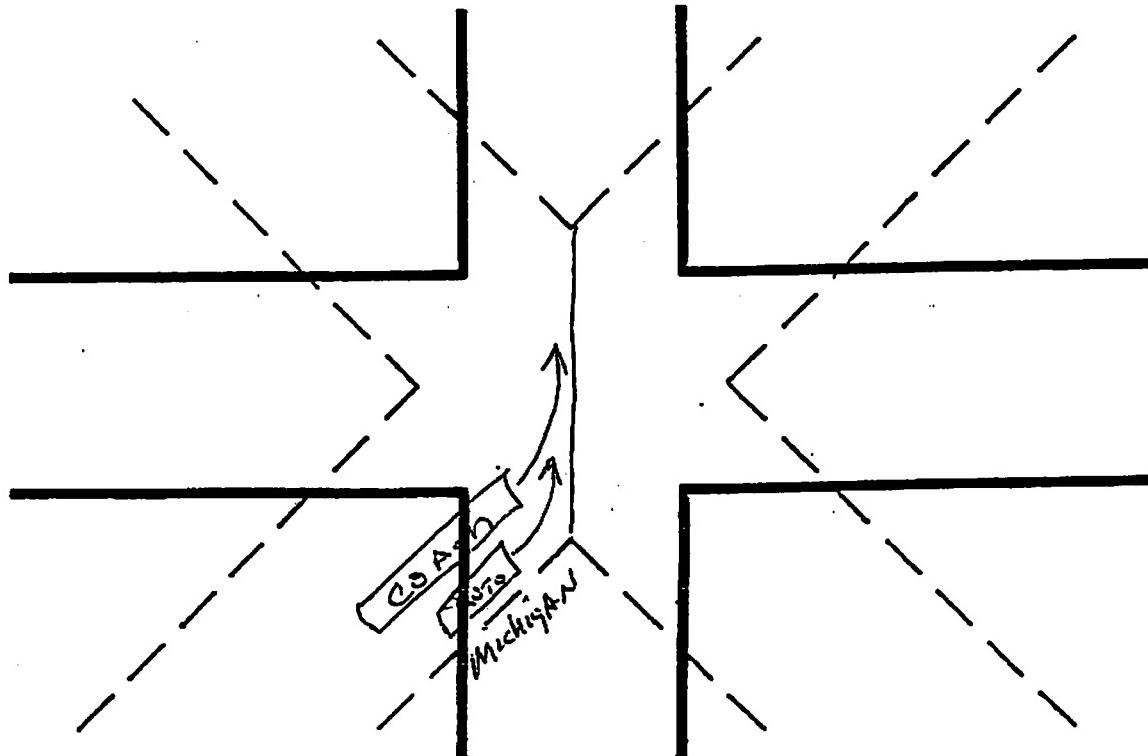
## SERVICE INSPECTOR ACCIDENT REPORT

OPERATOR NAME Charles Powers BADGE 1654 DATE: 6/8/04  
COACH 3605 RUN 82 LINE 25 LOCATION Woodward Michigan

WHAT DRIVERS WERE DOING			Coach	Point of Impact Other Vehicle	Entire LEFT side
Vehicle	1	2		3	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Making Right Turn	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Making Left Turn	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

Indicate North by Arrow 

  
SERVICE INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE



### TRAFFIC CONTROL

- SIGNAL LIGHT  
 STOP SIGN  
 RAILROAD LIGHTS

- OPEN INTERSECTION  
 NONE  
 OTHER

6538042



**CITY OF DETROIT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE INSPECTOR  
Accident Report**



Operator Name		Chanks Powers	Badge	Sex	Terminal	Day	Date	Time				
			1654	FM ♂	Shoe	Tue	6/18/94	9:07 AM				
Month	Run	Line	Location									
605	62	25	Woodward + Michigan									
WEATHER		LIGHT CONDITIONS	ROAD SURFACE	TOTAL LANES	DIRECTION OF COACH		DIRECTION OF AUTO					
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/> Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow	<input type="checkbox"/> South	<input type="checkbox"/> South	<input type="checkbox"/> West	<input type="checkbox"/> South	<input type="checkbox"/> West					
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain	<input type="checkbox"/> Dusk/Dawn	<input type="checkbox"/> Icy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	TYPE OF ACCIDENT		OPERATOR PULLED						
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow	<input type="checkbox"/> Street Lights	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Boarding	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collision	<input type="checkbox"/> No					
<input type="checkbox"/> Fog				<input type="checkbox"/> Alighting	<input type="checkbox"/> CLINIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No					
		STATE WITHIN	DATE OF BIRTH	Driver Name								
		D.C.		JAY EMERSON GAZIAU								
Address				City or County	State	Zip	Phone					
Owner of Car		Address						City	State	Zip		
Brigit Rohn												
Driver License		State	Date of Birth	Driver Name								
				City or County	State	Zip	Phone ( )					
Address							City	State	Zip			
License Plate		Owner of Car		Address								
Driver License		State	Date of Birth	Driver Name								
				City or County	State	Zip	Phone ( )					
Address							City	State	Zip			
License Plate		Owner of Car		Address								
No. of Passengers in Auto		1	No. Passengers Injured in Auto			0	No. Passengers on Coach		15			
Sex		M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	F <input type="checkbox"/>	Age	22	No. of Passengers Injured on Coach			1	No. of Pictures Taken		10
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									
Police on Scene: Badge No.		5161	Car No.	7X-A	EMS No.	Medic 3	Hospital	Total Conveyed				
Witness Information (use back if necessary)		Number of Witnesses		1	Information Of Injured (use back if necessary)							
Name					Name							
Address		Phone			Courtney Payton							
Name					Address							
Address		Phone			Phone							
Name					Name							
Address		Phone			Address							
Name					Phone							
Address		Phone			Alleged Injury							
Call by Radio		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Time Notified	9:12 AM		Time Arrived	9:20 AM				
Superintendent Action:		EXHIBIT 2										
WIT: Powers												
DATE: 10-10-03												

Accident Description and Remarks: Operator C. Powers, badge 1654, working 25/02 with Coach 3605 was turning into a merging course on W.D N/A at 11:11 when a Blue 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier came in between the coach and curb causing the coach to make contact with the entire left side of auto. Major damage to auto and moderate damage to the coach. NO INJURIES in AUTO. One injury on Coach. Courtney Dwyer address [REDACTED] in Coach was conveyed by Medic #3 to Detroit receiving. Operator pulled and taken to Concentra in D+T Testing. Cleared at 10:10 A.M.

 <b>TRAFFIC CONTROL</b>	Indicate North by Arrow	Point of Impact Other Vehicle Damage to Other Property
		Extreme left side.
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**CITY OF DETROIT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
1307 E. Warren Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48207  
LEGAL DIVISION OFFICE (313) 224-1350**

**MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE NO-FAULT INSURANCE LAW - ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S REPORT**

DATE	OUR POLICYHOLDER	DATE OF ACCIDENT
10/11/04	DOT	6/8/04

TO ASSIST US IN DETERMINING BENEFITS DUE UNDER THE MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE NO-FAULT INSURANCE LAW, THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN MUST COMPLETE THIS REPORT. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE NO-FAULT INSURANCE LAW, PA 294 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1972.

MEDICAL RECORDS DEPARTMENT  
DETROIT RECEIVING HOSPITAL  
4201 ST. ANTOINE  
 DETROIT, MI 48201

DOB: [REDACTED]

1. PATIENT'S NAME AND ADDRESS COURTNEY PAYTON, [REDACTED]		
2. AGE	3. SEX	4. OCCUPATION (IF KNOWN)

5. HISTORY OF OCCURRENCE AS DESCRIBED BY PATIENT

6. DIAGNOSIS AND CONCURRENT CONDITIONS\*

7. WHEN DID SYMPTOMS FIRST APPEAR?

DATE:

8. WHEN DID PATIENT FIRST CONSULT YOU FOR THIS CONDITION?

DATE:

9. HAS PATIENT EVER HAD SAME OR SIMILAR CONDITION?

YES  NO  IF "YES" STATE WHEN AND DESCRIBE \*

10. IS CONDITION SOLELY A RESULT OF THIS ACCIDENT?

YES  NO  IF "NO", EXPLAIN \*

11. IS CONDITION DUE TO INJURY OR SICKNESS ARISING OUT OF PATIENT'S EMPLOYMENT?

YES  NO

12. WILL INJURY RESULT IN PERMANENT DISFIGUREMENT OR PERMANENT DISABILITY?

YES  NO  IF "YES", DESCRIBE

13. PATIENT WAS DISABLED (UNABLE TO WORK)

FROM:

THROUGH:

14. IF STILL DISABLED THE PATIENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN TO WORK ON: DATE:

15. IF PATIENT WAS HOSPITALIZED, NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PERIOD OF HOSPITALIZATION

FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

16. REPORT OF SERVICES AND ATTACH ITEMIZED BILL

DATE OF SERVICE	PLACE OF SERVICE	DESCRIPTION OF SURGICAL OR MEDICAL SERVICE RENDERED	CHARGES
			\$ _____
			\$ _____
			\$ _____
			\$ _____
<b>TOTAL CHARGE TO DATE</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

17. IS PATIENT STILL UNDER YOUR CARE FOR THIS CONDITION?

YES  NO

DATE

PHYSICIAN'S NAME (PRINT)

PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE

IRS/TIN IDENTIFICATION NO.

NO.

STREET

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

ZIP CODE

\* USE REVERSE SIDE IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED

**Exhibit 6G – Email to Payton**

**Swanson, Marc N.**

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**From:** Grant Ha <haG@detroitmi.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:59 AM  
**To:** don@855mikewins.com  
**Cc:** Swanson, Marc N.  
**Subject:** RE: Payton: Motion for Summary Disposition Concurrence

Don,

Look at paragraph 3 of the order. Judge Tucker's order was not just for Case No. 15-000962, it was for any and all claims arising from or related to the State Court Action against the City. Just filing a new lawsuit does not get around his order.

Again, please voluntarily dismiss your suit. If you will not, I will have our bankruptcy attorney file the appropriate motion and ask for sanctions.

Grant Ha  
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel  
City of Detroit Law Department  
313-237-5039

>>> Don Cummings <[don@855mikewins.com](mailto:don@855mikewins.com)> 5/31/2017 11:18 AM >>>

Grant:

I looked over everything. The case listed in that order is a different case number than our case. Why do you believe our case is barred? Do you have any docs related to that? Thanks.

Don

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**From:** Grant Ha [<mailto:haG@detroitmi.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:41 AM  
**To:** Don Cummings <[don@855mikewins.com](mailto:don@855mikewins.com)>  
**Cc:** [swansonm@MillerCanfield.com](mailto:swansonm@MillerCanfield.com)  
**Subject:** Payton: Motion for Summary Disposition Concurrence

Don,  
Please see the order from the US Bankruptcy Court permanently which permanently barred, estopped, and enjoined Mr. Payton to pursue State Court Actions against the City.

Please let me know if you will voluntarily withdraw your complaint by end of business on Thursday; otherwise, we will have to pursue motions in the US Bankruptcy Court and the Circuit Court for sanctions, costs, and attorney fees.

Thanks, Grant